

IN THE CLAIMS:

The amendments to the claims are as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) A headset apparatus comprising:

at least first and second speakers, each speaker comprising a speaker chamber extending posteriorly therefrom;

at least one first tube connected adjacent a first end thereof anterior to the first speaker;

at least one second tube connected adjacent a first end thereof anterior to the second speaker;

a first outlet at a second end of the at least one first tube for positioning the at least one first outlet at a first position adjacent a ~~user~~ user's first ear; and

a second outlet at a second end of the at least one second tube for positioning the at least one second outlet at a second position adjacent ~~the user~~ a user's second ear;

wherein the at least one first tube is continuous with the at least one second tube at respective first ends thereof such that tube paths of the at least one first tube and the at least one second tube are formed to meet intermediate the first and second speakers.

3. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2, wherein the chamber is an acoustically sealed, ported or vented chamber.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 further comprising ear engaging members for housing the first and second outlets.

6. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 wherein the first and second outlets each flare outwardly in a direction away from the first and second tubes respectively.
7. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 wherein the chamber is a vented or ported chamber.
8. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 wherein the chamber is provided with sound absorbing material on a rearwardly disposed interior surface thereof.
9. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 wherein at least one of the first and second tubes is provided with sound absorbing material therein between a respective first end thereof and a respective first or second speaker.
10. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 9 wherein the sound absorbing material substantially blocks the at least one of the first and second tubes.
11. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 9 wherein the sound absorbing material partially blocks the at least one of the first and second tubes.
12. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 further comprising at least one bass speaker adjacent the user ear.
13. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 12 wherein the at least one bass speaker is housed within an ear engaging member.
14. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of Claim 4 wherein the ear engaging members are provided with sound absorbing material on an inner surface thereof.
15. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 5 wherein the ear engaging members are perforated.
16. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 wherein the at least one first and second speakers and the at least one first and second tubes are positioned generally on top of a user head or in a substantially horizontal plane generally at sides of a user head.
17. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 comprising four or more speakers.

18. (Currently amended) The headset apparatus of claim 17 comprising at least 4 speakers, wherein:

a third tube is connected adjacent a first end thereof to a third speaker, a second end of the third tube for positioning adjacent the user's first ear, and;

a fourth tube is connected adjacent a first end thereof to a fourth speaker, a second end of the fourth tube for positioning adjacent the user's second ear.

19. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first and second speakers are front-left and front-right speakers and the first and second tubes connected adjacent thereto terminate in the anterior portion of left and right ear cups respectively, and wherein, the third and fourth speakers are rear-left and rear-right speakers and the third and fourth tubes connected adjacent thereto terminate in the posterior portion of left and right ear cups respectively.

20. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 further comprising an electronic controller to control emissions of the first and second speakers.

21. (Previously presented) The headset apparatus of claim 2 further comprising a slider joint between the ear engaging members and the first and second outlets for enabling adjustment of a connection length between the ear engaging members and the first and second outlets when the user ear is moved relative to the headset apparatus.

22. (Canceled)